

IMF needs to give social and economic considerations greater weight in lending decisions. Finally, the IMF's largely secretive mode of operating needs to be more accountable, transparent, and open to public scrutiny.

Conclusion. The United States took the lead in creating the IMF. It has served U.S. interests for a half century. It is not perfect, and it can be improved. Yet its contribution to international financial stability, economic growth, and world peace is immense. It deserves U.S. support.

MINORITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

HON. WILLIAM (BILL) CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 3, 1998

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to share information about an important scholarship program for minority students that has been established by the Army Research Laboratory.

The Science and Technology Academic Recognition System (STARS) fellowship provides tuition and expenses for the senior year of undergraduate study, and two years of graduate study. This program targets undergraduates who attend historically black colleges and universities and other minority serving institutions, but recipients may pursue graduate studies at any accredited university. Fellowship recipients are employed by the Army Research Laboratory during the Summer and other school breaks throughout the academic year. The awards can total up to \$100,000 over the course of three years. In 1997, the Army Research Laboratory committed \$300,000 to three STARS fellowship recipients.

While STARS funds only undergraduate and Master's degrees, the Army Research Laboratory has other fellowships which can help students complete doctoral studies. Upon completion of the STARS program, graduates are free to stay on with the Army Research Laboratory or they can pursue work in other parts of the federal government.

In order to become eligible for the STARS program students must have a 3.0 grade point average, be rising seniors, hold U.S. citizenship and have an interest in pursuing graduate study in science, engineering or mathematics. Interested students should write to Director, U.S. Army Research Laboratory, ATTN: AMSRL-SP, 2800 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi, Maryland, 20783.

RONALD REAGAN NATIONAL AIRPORT

HON. RON PACKARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 3, 1998

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, Ronald Reagan's legacy is the end of the Cold War and the greatest economic expansion in United States history. He ended the outrageous income tax rate of 70% and simplified the tax system with the 1986 Tax Act. He nominated the best Federal Reserve Chairman in history,

Alan Greenspan and forced the Soviet Union to make massive nuclear reductions through his "peace through strength" plan.

Ronald Reagan presided over eight years of peace and prosperity. He was a great governor, presiding over my home state of California, and a great President. He exalted the rights and dignity of the individual and preached that government must be the servant, not the master of its citizens. Ronald Reagan is a great American and he deserves to be recognized.

Earlier this week, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee passed a resolution to rename Washington National Airport the Ronald Reagan National Airport in order to honor Reagan prior to his 86th birthday. I was shocked to learn that this legislation did not pass unanimously, but by a lopsided vote of 39-28. Democrats are actually openly opposing this bill to honor one of our nation's greatest leaders.

Mr. Speaker, this resolution recognizes the one man who likely made the greatest impact of any human being on our lives. This bill should not be made into a political agenda item by the Democrats. When Ronald Reagan took the oath of office, the United States economy was in the midst of its worst recession since World War II. Big government ruled at home and abroad and the U.S. government had income tax rates as high as 70%. President Ronald Reagan changed the direction of the country and I applaud my colleague, BOB BARR, for introducing and fighting for this measure.

A PIONEER FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY EDUCATION

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 3, 1998

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Ms. Speaker, It gives me great pleasure to rise to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of Mr. Pat Tornillo, who has played a major leadership role in Miami-Dade's public school system for almost four decades.

As chief negotiator for Dade County's teachers since 1963, Mr. Tornillo is widely credited for raising the salaries of Miami's teachers to the among the highest level in the nation. Pat has also won numerous benefits and professional initiatives that have given our area's teachers a wide variety of opportunities for growth and professionalism. He is recognized nationally for his progressive and innovative work in the professionalization of teaching and educational reform in South Florida.

Pat came to Miami in 1956 from the Newark, New Jersey school system. As a new teacher in the Miami-Dade County school system, he soon became active in the Dade County Classroom Teachers Association (which later became the United Teachers of Dade). He presently serves as Executive Director of the United Teachers of Dade, President of the Florida Education Association/United and Vice President of the American Federation of Teachers.

He has been a pioneer in blazing a trail for quality education in the Southeast. He helped build our local school system into one of the largest and most culturally diverse public

school systems in the nation. He has won many awards for this record including the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Brotherhood Award, the Outstanding Leadership Award from the United Way, and the NAACP Distinguished Award.

As a former Dade County educator, I am happy to join with his many friends and colleagues who will pay tribute to him at a major event in his honor on February 7th. This event, "A Gathering of Eagles, honoring Pat L. Tornillo, for his Uncommon Commitment to Public Education", is a fitting commemoration of the record of one of Florida's leading educators.

IN TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF JAMES ROBERTS OF ANDREWS, TX

HON. LARRY COMBEST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 3, 1998

Mr. COMBEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life and achievements of James Roberts of Andrews, Texas.

James Roberts was a very important reason that the county and community of Andrews lived up to its self-proclaimed truism, "A Community of Quality." James embodied every bit of that quality as the local boy who grew up to take an active, important part in his community. After graduation from Andrews High School, he completed his education after serving this country in the U.S. Army in World War II and bravely surviving a year's time in a German prisoner-of-war camp. He returned home to Andrews and married Marie Holman on April 18, 1946. He had attended Texas Tech in Lubbock, and in 1950, earned his college degree from Baylor University.

James became the owner and editor of the Andrews County News. His writing spoke with the strong, common sense voice and views of the vast West Texas and Eastern New Mexico region through several newspapers under the Roberts Publishing banner. The family paper, founded by his parents during the Great Depression, carried James' own "Drifting Sands" column of homespun humor and down-to-earth basics of daily life and politics, James Roberts' own course in life was anything but drifting. James was an important and thoughtful local leader, one of the community's strongest boosters.

As the president of the Andrews Industrial Foundation, he attracted Fortune 500 businesses to Andrews, to diversify an economy once dependent on financial fluctuations in the domestic oil industry. James Roberts was also a leader among newspaper editors and publishers throughout the state, serving as president of the Texas Press Association and the West Texas Press Association. With strong community ties, a member of the First Baptist Church, two terms as president of the Andrews Chamber of Commerce, and the 12-year presidency of the Permian Basin Railroad Company, it is no surprise that James had earned early recognition as Andrews' Outstanding Citizen.

Just a few days before Christmas, James Roberts passed from this life—a life of community service for the betterment of his neighbors. Mr. Speaker, I believe that Andrews,